GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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POSTING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS IN TOURISM OFFICES ABROAD
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several tourist offices abroad are functioning without any senior officers to supervise their functioning.

(b) if so, whether the postings are being delayed due to disagreement between the professionals and others;

(c) if so, whether there are no clear guidelines in this regard;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to post only professional to such positions with a view to achieve better results;. And

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): The Indiatourism Offices abroad are being run by Gazetted Officers of theGovernment of India. However, some posts in few Indiatourism Offices abroad are lying vacant on account of restructuring/reorganisation of Indiatourism Offices abroad and pending court case.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): No, Sir. There is clear cut guidelines which deals with the transfer and posting of officials posted abroad.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) & (f): Government`s objective is to select the best and brightest officers for overseas postings who can aggressively market the rich cultural, spiritual and natural tourism product of India. While selecting the best officers, interalia, the due weightage shall be accorded to managerial ability, knowledge of global tourism scenario, knowledge of administrative and financial skills and computer literacy possessed by the officer.